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25 November 1949

- 25X1 1. Fifty to sixty twin-engine aircraft were parked in two rows in front of the closed hangars of the WERNEUCHEN (N 53/V 06) airfield. Maintenance work was being done on some planes.
- 25X1 2. Description:
Low-wing monoplane, in-line engines, double rudder assembly, nose covered with metal plates, tail of fuselage projecting over elevator assembly, cockpit canopy in two versions, the aircraft with closed cockpits canopy had gunner's compartment in the fuselage with the weapon projecting to the rear, antenna rod on front end of the cockpit roof, ellipsoidal wings.
3. There was no flying and the weather was very bad. About 10 men did small repair work on the landing field. Firing practice with carbines and pistols was held on the eastern edge of the field.
- 25X1 4. A new wooden cantonment building, 15x25 feet, was erected near the radio station, 5,000 feet east of the field (see Annex). At its side was a radio truck standing in a wooden shed and connected by a rubber cable, 20-mm in diameter, with the cantonment building. A 33-foot antenna mast was erected beside the radio truck with an antenna leading to the truck. A two-wire line led from the field to the radio station which was connected with HIRSCHFELDE (N 53=V 06) by a three-wire line suspended from poles.
- 25X1 5. [Redacted] Twenty to thirty telephone wires from the northeast focussed in the exchange building. Not far from this building about 35 very young air force soldiers under the command of a 1st sergeant were drilling without weapons.

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6. The condition of the guarded ammunition and fuel dump north-east of the field has not changed. The railroad spur track was heavily rusted. The ambulance [] left the air-field guardhouse.

[] 25 November to 1 December 1949

7. The field was still occupied by twin-engine aircraft with unglazed cockpit. Twenty-one planes were counted in front of the hangar. There was heavy flying of individual aircraft in late November 1949.

8. Col GREVANOV previously billeted at the field recently moved into the air force settlement southwest of the field. Before his transfer to WERNEUCHEN he was allegedly CO of a STRAUSBERG (N 53/V 15) detail.

[] Comment:

25X1 a. The report states a heavier occupation than was reported during previous months. It must be concluded that two regiments are stationed in WERNEUCHEN instead of the one regiment previously assumed.

25X1 b. [] the noses of the aircraft at the field are not of plexiglass. It is assumed that these planes are PE-3s. Most of the planes assigned to the units of the III Bnr Corps which are stationed in ST. USBERG, WERNEUCHEN, GOTTBOS and FILLERWILDE are apparently PE-3s. Provided that the described aircraft are PE-3s it is considered possible that the III Bnr Corps units are now mainly employed as fighter reconnaissance units.

25X1 d. Col GREVANOV mentioned in para 8 [] the CO of the WERNEUCHEN airfield.

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1 Annex: Radio Station at the WERNEUCHEN Airfield

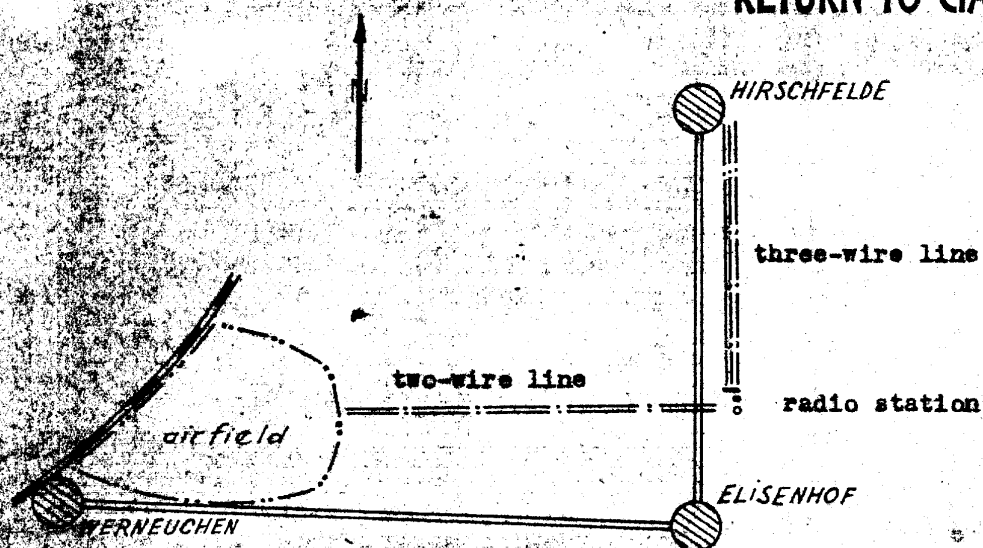
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